

CDR CHARLES HENDERSON, III, USN  
Officer-in-Charge  
USNS Comfort Medical Treatment Facility

Born in Upper Darby, Pa., Cdr. Charles Henderson, III, received his Bachelor of Science Degree in hotel administration from Cornell University in 1968. He completed Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I., and was commissioned an ensign in the Medical Service Corps in 1969.

His first assignment was at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., as assistant food service officer, supply officer for provisions and manager of the commissioned officers' mess. From 1970 until his release from active duty in 1972, he served as food service officer at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, N.H.

While maintaining an active reserve status, Cdr. Henderson completed graduate studies in health care administration and received a Master of Business Administration degree from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Cdr. Henderson returned to active duty in June, 1974, at the Naval Regional Medical Center, Newport, R.I., where he served as supply officer, comptroller, data processing officer, and patient affairs officer. He was also officer-in-charge, Branch Clinic, Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine. His extended tour included completion of the Naval Justice School Non-Lawyer Course and the Professional Military Comptroller Course at Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base.

From 1979 to 1982, Comdr. Henderson served as director of management education; coordinator, financial and supply management training course, and instructor at the Naval School of Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md. He was named comptroller of the National Medical Center in Bethesda and became the first assistant chief of staff for resources for the Naval Medical Command, National Capital Region.

In 1985, Cdr. Henderson joined the staff of the Naval Medical Command in Washington as director of the Financial Systems Division and chairman of the Information Systems Executive Board Working Group. He assumed his present assignment in March 1987.

Cdr. Henderson's decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with star, the Navy commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal.

The commander and his wife, the former Marilyn DuBois, live in Maryland with their three children, Jennifer, Matthew and Daniel.

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